

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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KULTI WORKS OF IISCO
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Kulti Works of Indian Iron and Steel Company is on the verge of closure due to lack of order position;
- (b) if so, the reasons for gradual fall in orders; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to rehabilitate 3500 workers of Kulti Works in case of its closure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) to (c): There has been a gradual fall in the order book position of Kulti Works of IISCO. Kulti Works of IISCO produces mainly the Cast Iron Spun Pipes and Castings. The other producers of Cast Iron Spun Pipes have in due course of time, adopted Ductile Iron Pipes which are of superior quality, and preferred by users. However, Kulti Works has not been able to adopt this technology due to paucity of funds. Further with introduction of Continuous Casting technology eliminating the Ingot Casting route of steel making in the Bokaro and Durgapur Steel Plants, requirement of castings produced by Kulti has also been reduced drastically. There is no proposal at present for closure of Kulti Works of IISCO under the consideration of Government.